LORD LORTON'S ESTATES.

RETURN to an ORDER of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 29 June 1843;—*for*,

COPY of a MEMORIAL lately addressed to the BOYLE BOARD of GUARDIANS in *Ireland*, by Persons stating themselves to have been ejected from the Estates of Lord Lorton; and of any Proceedings taken by the Board of Guardians thereon, and of any Communications between the Board and the Poor Law Commissioners, connected with the said Memorial:—Also,

A RETURN showing how many of the MEMORIALISTS applied to the BOARD of GUARDIANS for admission: How maoy of the Memorialists so applying were admitted: How many were rejected: What were the grounds of rejection in the cases which were rejected: How long did the Memorialists, who were admitted, remain in the Workhouse: By whom, and under what circumstances, was the Memorial presented at the Workhouse.

Poor Law Commission Office, Dublin, 8 July 1843.

ARTHUR MOORE, Chief Clerk.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed*, 17 *July* 1843.

BOYLE UNION.

(No. 13,056. D/43.)

OFFICE OF POOR LAW GUARDIANS, *Boyle*, 7 July 1843.

Guardians present this Day:

John Duke, Esq. in the Chair.

Captain Duckworth.	Captain Robertson.
John L. Hackett, Esq.	Mr. Frazer.

THERE was laid before the Board this day a letter from the Poor Law Commissioners, dated 3d July 1843, forwarding the fullowiog order of the House of Commons, dated *Jovis*, 29 *die Junii*, 1843:—

"That there he laid hefore this House a copy of a Memorial lately addressed to the Boyle Board of Guardians in Ireland, hy persons stating themselves to have been ejected from the estates of Lord Lorton; and of any proceedings taken hy the Board of Guardians thereon, and if [of] any communications between the Board and the Poor Law Commissioners, connected with the said Memorial:—And also a Return showing how many of the Memorialists so applying [applied] to the Board of Guardians for admission; how many of the Memorialists so applied [applying] were admitted; how many were rejected; what were the grounds of ohjection [rejection] in the cases which were rejected; how loog did the Memorialists, who were admitted, remain in the workhouse; hy whom, and under what circumstances, was the Memorial presented to [at] the workhouse.

(signed) "*J. H. Ley*,
"Cl. Dom. Com."

Resolved,—

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Resolved,—In obedience to the orders of The House, the Boyle Board do hereby agree to the following Report.—There being no minutes of the proceedings connected with the presentation of said Memorial entered on the minutes-book, the information here stated is derived from the only two Guardians now present, and who were present on the day said Memorial was presented; and also from the clerk and master of the house.

There were present at the Board on the 26th May 1843 (the day this Memorial was presented) the following Guardians:—

William Phibbs, of Seafield, Esq. in the Chair.

Captain Robertson.	Mr. Frazer.
Captain Lloyd.	John Conmee, Esq.

C. G. Otway, Esq., Assistant Poor Law Commissioner, was likewise present.

The business of the Board had nearly concluded, when a number of persons, conducted by the parish priest of this town, the Rev. Joseph M'Tucker, arrived at the gate of the workhouse: as a crowd of persons had accompanied the procession, it was not possible for the Board to ascertain the probable number of which it consisted. The Rev. Mr. M'Tucker then advanced into the hall of the house, and handed the clerk of the Board a Memorial, which he stated that he presented, not as the Roman-catholic chaplain of this establishment, but as the parish priest; and requested that he might be admitted to the Board-room to advocate the claims of the Memorialists. The Board unanimously refused the application of Mr. M'Tucker. The Memorial was then read by the chairman, and a discussion arose whether or not the clause in the Memorial requesting that the warden's tickets of recommendation should be dispensed with; and the majority agreed in acceding to the request. The Board, however, deem it necessary to state that this was the only instance in which their rule respecting the said tickets had been set aside; and that it was acceded to, not from any case made out by the Memorialists, but from the desire of the meeting to receive the present application in the utmost spirit of indulgence. The Board then proceeded to investigate the claims of the Memorialists, out of whom only three families presented themselves: the first was Owen Sharkett and family, of Ardsallagh; they were admitted; but very shortly after, the master reported to the Board that after he had placed the family in the probationary wards they refused to remain, and that he had in consequence allowed them all to depart; that Sharkett, when leaving the house, stated to the master he did not want to come at all; that he only came with the rest; that he had earned his bread to the present, and that he was able to earn it without the workhouse. That said Sharkett had afterwards returned; and the master then desired to know from the Board what he was to do. He was then directed to receive them a second time, but they did not remain.

John Connaghton of Leam, and family, next applied; they were also approved of by the Board, and admitted; but the man raised a difficulty about then remaining, as he had a sick child at home. The Board recommended him to bring in his sick child at once, where he would receive the best medical attendance. As he still hesitated, the Board finally ruled that the master should receive this family at any time they might apply during the next three days; and if he should not be able to avail himself of the order within that period, he could apply to the Board that day week again for admission. He has not to this day (7 July 1843) made any further application.

Patt Flanagan of Leam, and family, were the last applicants. In reply to the questions of the Board, he admitted that he had not been yet dispossessed of his house; that he had about four barrels of potatoes (320 stone); and likewise that he had con-acre ground planted this season with potatues. The Board, in consequence, rejected him; but stated, that in the event of his being deprived of his house, or of having disposed of his potatoes, they would then be received into the workhouse.

The chairman then directed the master repeatedly to invite up the other applicants; but after two or three times applying to them, he reported to the Board that

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that they stated to him, that as they had not their families with them they could not then come forward, but that they would come the next Board day with 50,000 persons. The Board further beg to state, that from the day of these applications (the 26th May 1843), to the day of this Report (the 7th July 1843), there has not been any applications for admittance whatever, from any of the townlands named in the Memorial from which those applicants stated themselves to have been ejected, except one man, James Rock, who was admitted being an infirm person, and who was previously in the house. There has not been any entry on the minute-book of the Board respecting the circumstances of this Memorial, the Board having disposed of them in the ordinary mode of business. The names of the applicants are of course extracted from the application book. There has not been any report of those proceedings made to the Poor Law Commissioners; the Board not deeming themselves called upon to do so.

John Duke, J. P. Chairman.

Jno. Duckworth, J. P.
J. P. Frazer,
John L. Hackett,
Caleb Robertson.
} Guardians.

(No. 13,056. D/43.)

MEMORIAL presented to the Board of Guardians on 26 May 1843.

To the Guardians of the *Boyle* Union.

The Memorial of Lord Viscount Lorton's evicted Tenants most humbly showeth,—

That Memorialists and other tenants have been turned off Lord Lorton's large estate; 24 families having been deprived of their holdings in Leam, 20 in Ardsallagh and Coolnagransbee, 11 in Driminneen, 9 in Cultebranagh, 14 in Cultecreaghton, 12 in Curnagree and Curnamealtha, all in the parish of Boyle; 26 families have been turned out in Templevanny in the parish of Keash, and 55 families in the parish of Augbana.

That Memorialists have been turned out, not because they have been guilty of any crime, but because his Lordship wished to enlarge the holdings; and of this they could not so much complain, if the holdings were not made too large; but the great burden of their complaint is, that six Protestant gentlemen have got large farms where Memorialists might be located, and thus enabled to support their families. From this circumstance they are induced to believe the report that his Lordship is really a patron of that society called a Protestant Tenantry Society.

Memorialists respectfully submit that they and their forefathers having lived so long upon the estate, gave them a stronger claim than that of gentlemen who never lived before upon the land of which they have lately got possession.

Memorialists beg leave to express a hope that you, gentlemen, as Guardians of the Poor, may take their case into your kind consideration, and may be pleased to remonstrate with Lord Lorton, who has it in his power to enable most of those who have been turned out, to support their own families, without being a burden to the Union.

Memorialists also submit that, next to going to gaol, nothing they dislike more than being obliged to go to the workhouse: but at present what else can they do? Not only have they been deprived of their own houses and lands, but, what is enough to drive them to desperation, tenants who kindly gave them the shelter of their cabins were served lately with notice to quit themselves, for no reason save of preventing Memorialists from being obliged to remain out all night under the ditches. This must have frightened others on an estate where so few have leases, and will continue to operate injuriously on the minds of those who would otherwise be charitably inclined. Memorialists, therefore, pray that you may be graciously pleased

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pleased to waive all forms, and admit them at once into the workhouse. Deprived of their own houses, and prevented from obtaining shelter from their good neighbours, with whom they lived so long and happily together, Memorialists hope that the shelter of the workhouse will not this day be denied them by the Guardians of the Poor of this Union; and Memorialists will ever pray.

Signed on behalf of Memorialists, by those whose names are here written :—

Pat Daud, of Leam.
Thomas Nicholson, of Leam.
Owen Sharkett, of Ardsellaugh.
Martin Gaffeny, of Carrakeel.
Peter Higgins, of Carrakeel.
Pat Sheeran, of Cultecreaghton.
Pat Sheeran, of Driminneen.

Communications between the Board of Guardians and the Poor Law Commissioners, connected with the said Memorial.

— Nil. —

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BOYLE UNION.

(No. 13,056. D/43.)

RETURN of Persons who applied by a MEMORIAL, on the 26th of May 1843 (as ejected Tenants of Lord Viscount Lorton), to the Guardians of the *Boyle* Union, for Admission as Paupers to the Workhouse.

NUMBER of APPLICANTS.	Number Admitted.	Number Rejected.	Grounds of Rejection.	The Period Memorialists who were admitted Remained in Workhouse.	Circumstances under which Memorial was presented, and by Whom.
Sharkett, Owen - -	Husband -			-- It was stated by the master, that the applicants, on leaving the board-room, refused to enter the workhouse; and their names were therefore not inserted in the registry, nor did they become inmates of the house.	- - Mr. M'Tucker, the Roman-catholic chaplain of the workhouse, on meeting the clerk of the Union in the hall, handed him the memorial, stating, "that he did not present it in his capacity of chaplain, but as the parish priest of Boyle;" adding "that he conceived it to be his duty to protect his parishioners, and that it was his wish to be admitted to the board-room for that purpose;" to which the Guardians refused to comply.
Sharkett, Nancy - -	Wife - -				
Sharkett, Thomas - -	Child - - } 5	- - -	- - -		
Sharkett, John - -	ditto - -				
Sharkett, Patrick - -	ditto - -				
Cannaghton, John -	Husband -				
Cannaghton, Mary -	Wife - -				
Cannaghton, Patrick -	Child - - } 5	- - -	- - -	ditto, ditto.	
Cannaghton, Mary -	ditto - -				
Cannaghton, Bridget -	ditto - -				
Flanagan, Patrick - -	- - -	Husband -			
Flanagan, Mary - -	- - -	Wife - -			
Flanagan, Patrick - -	- - -	Child - - } 5	-- Having provisions, and being still in possession of his house.		
Flanagan, John - -	- - -	ditto - -			
Flanagan, William - -	- - -	ditto - -			
TOTAL - - -	- - - - 10	- - - - 5			

REMARKS.

It would be impossible to give an accurate statement of the number of applicants who assembled at the workhouse on this occasion, several of the lower order of the townspeople having accompanied them. This Return, consequently, contains only the names of such of them as attended in the board-room for admission.

Owen Sharkett was the only one of those applicants whose name was attached to the Memorial.

There has not been any communication between the Commissioners and the Board, connected with said Memorial.

Boyle, 6 July 1843.

F. Cary,
Clerk of the Union.

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LORD LORTON'S ESTATES.

COPY of MEMORIAL addressed to the BOYLE BOARD OF GUARDIANS in *Ireland*, by Persons ejected from the Estates of *Lord Lorton*; of Proceedings thereon, of Applications for Admission, &c.

(*Mr. Sharman Crawford—Mr. Lefroy.*)

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